Dr. A. G. Menon.—Mr. Salem lives in Cochin, and I think the boat might be late to-day.

President.—Let this also come to-morrow.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I think it is better.

President.—I shall not take note of his absence and dismiss the motion.

Announcement of a Bill assented to by His Highness the Maharaja.

Secretary to the Council.—I have to announce to the House that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill, passed by this Council on the 21st of February 1929, has received the gracious assent of His Highness the Maharaja on the 12th of August 1930.

Statement placed on the Table.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—

Sir,

Under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098.

Item No.	Amount Rs.	Remarks
15. Law and Justice.		
Process Establishment	1,157—15—4	Due Chiefly to leave allowances the actuals of 1104 exceeded the voted grant and the excess amount had to be sanctioned being an inevitable payment.
Establishment of the Magistrates		

22. I—Land Revenue—Cranganur—Rs. 13,360.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I move for a grant of Rs. 13,360 under Land Revenue—Cranganur. It has much the same features as the current year, and there is no new feature which requires explanation. I request the demand may be allowed.

Demand put and agreed to.

23. III—Co-operative Societies—Rs. 18,649.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 18,649 under 'III—Co-operative Societies'. The heads under this major head are more or less the same as

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those of last year. But provision has been made for one additional Inspector this year thus bringing up the number to six. It has been necessitated on account of the increase of the work and on account of the necessity for increased and better supervision.

Another minor new feature of this year's budget is increased provision under grants to supervising unions. Rs. 150 is the annual contribution to each of these unions; and there are four of them at present. It is proposed to start three more provided the societies come forward. And to make up for that, Rs. 600 more has been provided. Nothing more worthy of any further remarks is included in the new budget. I request that the amount of Rs. 18,649 may be passed.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—*To reauce the allotment of Rs. 8,639 for establishment by Re. 1.*

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The abject in moving this cut is to point out, Sir, that our existing societies are mainly credit societies, a sort of miniature banks and we have very few or no distributing societies at all where workmen could credit their produce and get money or from where information necessary for agricultural or industrial development could be had. Such distributing societies alone could develop minor industries and develop agriculture. I request that the Government may kindly take this matter into their consideration. With these words, I withdraw.

The motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 500 for lump provision for training of clerks in Madras Provincial Co-operative Union by Re. 1.*

The Member being absent the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 3 and 3—A.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 21,900 under Demand No. III by Re. 1.*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— *Do by Re. 1.*

As these motions were not moved, they were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 4.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 21,900 under Demand No. III by Re. 1.*

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The Member being absent the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 5.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 21,900 under Demand No. IV by Re. 1.*

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The object of this cut motion is to get some information from the Government about the money that was given for the Co-operative Institute—the amount comes to about Rs. 5,000—and also, if they are satisfied that the money has been properly used, to consider whether it would be possible to give an annual grant. As I understand it, there is great difficulty to carry on this work for more than one year as all the money has been spent.

President.—All the Rs. 5,000?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Of course.

President.—I instituted an enquiry recently. I do not know whether the Secretary to the Diwan has got the information as to the amount of subscription defaulted by the subscribers. It was said that many have paid their subcriptions.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have called for information, and the Secretary has not reported about it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It comes to a very big amount.

President.—When I asked him about the working, he informed me about the working of the society and brought a lot of particulars about it to my notice. So many arrears there are. What is the amount of subscriptions in arrears? The fact has been brought to his notice in paper. I issued a memo; that will be about two months or so. No information has been received yet. And according to your information it will be about Rs. 1,000 or Rs. 2,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It will come to somewhere about that.

President.—It shows that it is not working properly.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What I want is, since the Government gives some money, Government should also ask for accounts. Government should have a check over the account as you ask for accounts even from Public Libraries, and see that the money is properly spent and satisfy yourself that the money is properly spent also. Then my request is to consider whether it is feasible to give them an annual grant. The Educational Department has taken up co-operation as a subject, and a number of schools are teaching principles of co-operation, and if you are satisfied that its work is useful, then it would be better to place it under the State-aided system. There must be some direction and some supervision. Then if you think this is of no use at all, you must stop the contribution given to it.

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President.—I suppose there would be a serious consideration of the question as soon as the list of subscription defaulted is received. In the case of libraries where we are giving grant we are particular in seeing that the subscriptions are collected. There is practically no arrears. Similarly the Co-operative Institute must do. Government in the first instance made a grant of Rs. 5,000, and we are under the impression that the subscriptions are really collected, and nothing has been done and our query has not been answered yet.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I do not deny that it is not properly managed now.

President.—Have you got any connection with it ?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I was not connected with it. Lately I got in as a member, so that I have acquired some knowledge of the working. I presided over the meeting of this institute; then I found out all these.

President.—Please take some real interest in the matter because it is really a useful institution.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I dont move the motion.

Hence it was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 6.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 18,649 for Co-operative.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I move for the omission of the allotment of Rs. 18,649 for Co-operative Department. This motion is moved, not because we are against the spread of co-operation in our land, but because I desire to exhibit to the world how we are feeling with reference to this budget discussion that is going on inside this Council. The object, as you know, Sir, is a,

President.—Is any further speech necessary ? You have initiated the policy of resorting to this wholesale cut. It was in pursuance of this policy that every demand is to be thrown out by the Council although you did not succeed in the case of some demands. So, why repeat the same arguments ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am not going to repeat a single argument.

President.—Have you got any particular fact to say about this particular cut ? About the general discussion on the budget it is quite unnecessary, now to speak.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is not the general discussion of the budget.

President.—Is there any new fact which has not been already revealed to the House ?

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is what I am going to say. I already said that I do not wish to repeat a single argument stated before, and we were giving you these cuts for the purpose of explaining the policy underlying this movement and the Government is not willing to hear our policy fully. I leave it for the Government to shut us out.

President.—This policy has been sufficiently explained.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That has not been sufficiently explained. As I unfold the argument, if you feel I am repeating, you can stop me.

President.—I think that all your arguments must come in connection with the exposition of the policy on the first cut. The arguments are being added on at every stage.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What else can we do? Can I give the whole policy in five minutes? You allow us only so much. How much can I speak upon that policy within five minutes?

President.—You remember I allowed you a long time. And I took special note of them also, although one Member objected to my taking notes seriously, and my notes will show what your policy is.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am not going to repeat a single of those arguments.

President.—We want to economise time.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You must also see that I have to say it within five minutes. It is to unfold to the public attention what we feel with reference to this budget discussion. The budget is an estimate of receipts and expenditure. As far as the receipts are concerned, although I see no provision in the Regulation shutting us out from discussing the receipts by pointing out methods of increasing the receipts or pointing out the necessity, for decreasing receipts, which means taxation to be increased or decreased we are prevented from touching it though there is no provision in the Regulation which prevents us from going into the receipts.

President.—That is not a new matter.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—But by an understanding or a ruling we are shut out from having anything to do with the imposition of fresh taxation or decreasing taxation in the country.

President.—This is repeating an argument which has already been before the House.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Not this session.

President.—Yes, this session.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I, therefore, say we cannot co-operate unless in the taxation of the country we have got a hand. When

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we have no hand in the imposition of taxation we want no hand in the incurring of expenditure as well. That is the policy, that is simple enough. We have no part whatsoever in imposing taxation in the country and we have no hand in relieving taxation. When a surplus budget is there, we have no right to come and ask the Government kindly reduce taxation in this land, in that way or in the other way. We do not wish to have a hand in the spending of the taxes that are raised without our consent. That is the policy. Otherwise we would be wrong in moving this wholesale cuts. On this also I move for the total cut, as we have decided not to take part or have a hand in the spending of the expenditure we must consistently oppose the motion. This is all that I have to say.

Motion put and negatived.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—A poll, Sir.

The House divided:—*Ayes 15, Noes 19 and Neutrals 5.*

Ayes.

1. Mr. K. Ayyappan
2. ,, A. Eachara Menon
3. Dr. A. G. Menon
4. Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar
5. ,, E. Ikkanda Wariar
6. ,, K. P. Kannan Nayar
7. ,, P. Krishna Menon
8. ,, T. K. Nayar
9. ,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan
10. ,, A. K. Kunhi Moideen
11. ,, C. A. Kunjunni Raja
12. ,, K. Mohammed Seethi
13. ,, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar
14. Dr. A. R. Menon
15. Mr. A. B. Salem

Noes.

1. Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon
2. ,, C. Barton Wright
3. ,, M. A. Chakko
4. ,, P. C. Chanchan
5. ,, V. K. Kochunni Menon
6. ,, S. S. Koder
7. ,, T. K. Krishna Menon
8. ,, T. M. Krishna Menon
9. ,, K. Krishna Pisharodi
10. Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai
11. Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon
12. Mrs. G. Pavitran
13. Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar
14. ,, I. Raman Menon
15. Rama Varmha Tampuran
16. Mr. K. Ramunni Menon
17. ,, A. Sankara Menon
18. Dr. E. A. Veigas
19. Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese

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Neutrals.

1 Mr. V. Achyuta Menon
2. ,, C. V. Kuriyan
3. ,, C. J. Mathew
4. ,, M. K. Raman
5. ,, Thomas Manjuran

Demand for Co-operative Societies put and agreed to.

24. Demand XXXI.—Uplift of the Depressed Classes—Rs. 10,8,600.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,08,600 under the head 'Uplift of the Depressed Classes'. I think the House is already familiar with the lines on which Government is carrying on the work for the uplift of the depressed classes, so that I need not take up any time in dwelling upon them again.

I will take up some of the special points connected with the budget of next year. You will find that the two main heads are (a) General (social and economic) and (b) Educational. As regards the total you will notice the allotment for next year is more than the revised budget of this year. The revised budget of this year comes to Rs. 96,000 and odd, the budget of this year being Rs. 84,000 and odd. So that there is considerable increase. We are asking for a good deal more than what was budgetted during the current year. (*Hear, hear*). Goverment is very glad to learn that the work carried on on behalf of the depressed classes has the hearty approval of this House. (*Hear, hear*). And my task I think is very light so far as this demand is concerned.

Taking the major head 'General' there is an increase of about Rs. 4,000 and that is accounted for this way :—Travelling Allowance—there are two depressed class officers who come under this head, the Assistant Protector and the Co-operative Inspector. We used to give a fixed Travelling Allowance to the Assistant Protector. Now we are paying him Travelling Allowance according to the Cochin Service Rules so that a little more has to be spent in the way of Travelling Allowance. The Co-operative Inspector though he works under the Co-operative Registrar really belongs to the depressed class department. There are already about two dozen Co-operative Societies started among the depressed classes, and there is a steady increase in the number of such societies. As you know our main object is to make these poor people self-reliant so that they may look after themselves and work out their own salvation. The Co-operative Societies are found very helpful for the purpose. By means of them the poor people are

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